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Government servants in unhealthy localities.

* 836 Q.—Sri P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN (on behalf of Sri V. R. Krishna Ayyar) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state the details of the special allowance sanctioned by the Government to Government servants, employed in notified unhealthy stations? "

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The rates of special pay sanctioned to Government servants (gazetted and non-gazetted) serving in unhealthy localities are as follows :—

	Rate of special pay. RS.	A.	P.
Gazetted—			
Officers of All-India Services and Deputy Collectors.	90	0	0
Other gazetted Officers	67	8	0
Non-Gazetted—			
Government servants, the average pay of whose grade exceeds Rs. 200.	54	0	0
Government Servants, the average pay of whose grade exceeds Rs. 150.	45	0	0
Government servants, the average pay of whose grade exceeds Rs. 90.	36	0	0
Government servants, the average pay of whose grade exceeds Rs. 70.	22	8	0
Government servants, the average pay of whose grade exceeds Rs. 45.	13	8	0
Government servants, the average pay of whose grade exceeds Rs. 30.	9	0	0
Government servants, the average pay of whose grade exceeds Rs. 20.	5	0	0
Government servents, the average pay of whose grade exceeds Rs. 16.	3	0	0
Government servants, the average pay of whose grade is Rs. 16 and below.	2	0	0"

" Leyland " buses.

* 837 Q.—Sri M. KALYANASUNDARAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of new " Leyland " type buses purchased during 1954–55 for the Madras City Government Transport;

(*b*) the total cost of each bus after completing the body;

(*c*) the firm from which the bus was purchased;

(*d*) the working expenses per mile for these buses; and

(*e*) the average daily collection per bus during September and October 1954?

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THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (*a*) Government have sanctioned the purchase during 1954–55 of 50 new heavy diesel 'Leyland' vehicles.

" (*b*) The total cost of each bus after completing the body is approximately Rs. 63,900.

" (*c*) Ashok Motors, Limited, Madras.

" (*d*) The working expense per mile is approximately Re. 1-2-0 on the average.

" (*e*) The average daily collection per bus during September and October 1954 was Rs. 160–12–0 and Rs. 174–2–9 respectively."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—" இந்த பஸ் ஒன்று வாங்குவதற்கு 63 ஆயிரம் ரூபாய்க்கு மேல் ஆகிறது. ஆனால் இவற்றிலிருந்து வருகிற வருமானம் சாதாரண பஸ்களைவிட ரொம்பவும் அதிகமேயில்லை. ஆனால் இந்த ஒரு பஸ் வாங்குவதற்குச் செலவிடப்படும் பணத்தைகொண்டு கிட்டத்தட்ட சிறிய பஸ்களில் மூன்று வாங்கிவிடலாம். அதை விட்டுவிட்டு எதற்காக இந்த பெரிய பஸ்களை வாங்கவேண்டும் ? இதில் சர்க்கார் லாபம் இருக்கிறதென்று கருதுகிறார்களா என்று அறிய விரும்புகிறேன்."

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" பெரிய பஸ்கள் வாங்குவதினால் அரசாங்கத்திற்கு லாபம் வந்துக்கொண்டு இருக்கிறதென்பதில் சந்தேகமில்லை. அதோடு மத்திய சர்க்கார் நம் நாட்டில் உற்பத்தி செய்யப்படும் பஸ்களையே வாங்கவேண்டுமென்ற ஒரு கொள்கையைக் கடைப்பிடித்து வருகிறார்கள். அதன்படி அவர்களால் அங்கீகரிக்கப் பட்டிருக்கிற பஸ்களையேதான் நம் சர்க்காரும் வாங்கவேண்டி யிருக்கிறது."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The cost of maintenance and the cost of running are considerably low for the bigger buses. That is why we are able to make a larger profit from bigger buses."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Do these buses provide more comfort for the passengers?"

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Yes, Sir. The hon. Member himself would have found this."

Administration of forests.

* 838 *Q.*—SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any representation recently from the Secretary, Communist Party, Kanhangad, South Kanara, regarding the administration of forests and allied matters; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) No.

" (*b*) Does not arise."